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UPWARD SEASONAL INFLUENCE MOVE R. I. JOBS TOTAL TO 406,500

"Seasonal changes characterized the labor picture in November. As expected, the most significant movement was reflected in the expansion of employment in trade industries to handle holiday purchases," Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security commented today.

Preliminary estimates compiled by the Department of Employment Security indicate mid-November employment in Rhode Island was 406,500. This total represents a gain of 1,300 jobs in a month, and a decline of 3,100 when compared with a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Primarily reflecting seasonal trends, nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,600 in November to 270,100, up slightly from last year at this time. Wholesale-Retail Trade, the largest segment, gained 1,300 jobs in November, to reach 82,300, falling just short of the 82,500 total reached last November.

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A WORD OF SINCERE THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

As 1979 draws to a close the Department of Employment Security extends sincere appreciation to those Rhode Island employers who provide information each month so essential to determining trends in the State's economy.

Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours, labor turnover rates and worker earnings are the basis for both the state and the national reports prepared by this Department. We are in the debt of the management of those firms who compile and faithfully transmit this data for inclusion in the Employment Bulletin.

We pledge continued publication each month of information that will assist you in reaching decisions and planning for the future.

To all readers of the Employment Bulletin we offer season's greetings and a hope for your prosperity in the years ahead.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Total Placements	2,136 P	3,189 P	2,157
New Applications	INA	5,522 P	4,489
New Openings Received	INA	3,848 P	3,030

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	10,394	11,227	— 7.4
No. of Payments	59,406	60,176	— 1.3
Amt. of Payments	$5,006,109	$5,095,671	— 1.8
Exhaustions	1,900	2,037	— 6.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	% Change from Oct.
Initial Claims	1,891	1,820	+ 3.9
No. of Payments	15,026	16,039	— 6.3
Amt. of Payments	$1,506,407	$1,469,068	+ 2.5

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed November 1979

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	14,358	100.0
Men	7,325	51.0
Under 45	4,054	55.3
45 and over	3,271	44.7
Women	7,033	49.0
Under 45	3,647	51.9
45 and over	3,386	48.1
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,259	8.8
Manufacturing	6,132	42.7
Public Utilities	507	3.5
Trade	2,011	14.0
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	474	3.3
Service	2,290	15.9
All Other	1,685	11.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,799	12.5
Clerical and Sales	2,829	19.7
Service	1,178	8.2
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	246	1.7
Processing	768	5.3
Machine Trades	1,537	10.7
Bench Work	2,796	19.5
Structural Work	1,505	10.5
Miscellaneous	1,373	9.6
Not Available	327	2.3

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	452.9	455.7	441.9
Unemployment	23.2	24.2	23.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.3	5.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.9	5.8	6.2

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,285	29,895	26,105
Unemployment	1,295	1,290	1,250
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.3	4.8

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	12,835	13,725	12,000
Unemployment	585	655	635
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.8	5.3

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Net Change From Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Weekly Hours Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Hourly Earnings Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	136.4	136.7	139.7	— 300	— 3300	$206.72	$191.84	39.3	39.8	$5.26	$4,82
DURABLE GOODS	56.8	56.9	55.7	— 100	+ 1100	235.94	223.15	40.4	41.4	5.84	5.39
PRIMARY METALS	7.0††	6.9††	7.1	+ 100	— 100	256.80	254.79	43.6	44.7	5.89	5.70
FABRICATED METALS	10.4	10.3	10.2	+ 100	+ 200	197.78	200.82	36.9	40.9	5.36	4.91
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.1	10.2	9.7	— 100	+ 400	305.64	293.48	43.6	46.0	7.01	6.38
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.8	12.8	12.3	0	+ 500	180.12	180.57	38.0	39.0	4.74	4.63
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.4	3.2	— 200	0	272.40	247.98	45.1	45.5	6.04	5.45
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.3	6.2	6.1	+ 100	+ 200	268.00	213.84	40.0	35.7	6.70	5.99
INSTRUMENTS	5.3	5.5	5.5	— 200	— 200	224.26	205.24	40.7	41.8	5.51	4.91
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.7	1.6	1.6	+ 100	+ 100	232.05	167.64	39.0	32.3	5.95	5.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.6	79.8	84.0	— 200	— 4400	186.34	172.27	38.5	38.8	4.84	4.44
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	30.7	30.8	34.0	— 100	— 3300	159.04	150.08	36.9	37.9	4.31	3.96
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.6	3.9	— 100	— 400	183.86	211.48	32.6	37.9	5.64	5.58
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.4	13.2	13.2	+ 200	+ 200	201.47	181.86	40.7	42.0	4.95	4.33
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.1	0	— 500	184.54	165.61	41.1	40.1	4.49	4.13
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.3	— 100	— 200	206.52	188.33	40.1	41.3	5.15	4.56
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 100	291.04	277.77	41.4	39.4	7.03	7.05
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.3	3.3	— 100	— 100	280.40	274.44	40.0	40.3	7.01	6.81
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	— 300	197.60	165.67	38.0	34.3	5.20	4.83
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 100	+ 100	209.48	196.80	39.9	41.0	5.25	4.80
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 100	+ 200	129.96	120.06	35.9	34.8	3.62	3.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.1	6.1	— 200	— 200	176.27	145.71	39.7	35.8	4.44	4.07

* LUMBER-FURNITURE.

† LABOR DISPUTE

1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
OCTOBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATES Total Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	New Hires Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	SEPARATION RATE Total Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Quits Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Lay-Off Rate Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
MANUFACTURING	5.8	7.0	6.0	4.9	5.9	5.1	5.7	7.2	5.6	3.3	4.8	4.0	1.2	1.2	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	4.7	5.5	3.9	4.0	5.0	3.5	4.5	5.3	3.3	2.4	3.4	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.3
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.9	2.2	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.2	2.0	0.1
Fabricated Metals	6.3	6.3	4.2	5.1	5.3	3.5	4.7	6.7	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.3	0.8	1.0	***
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.3	3.0	3.3	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.0	1.3	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1
Electrical Mach.	4.1	6.5	4.8	3.5	5.9	4.6	4.3	6.8	4.5	2.8	5.4	3.5	1.0	0.4	0.1
Instruments-Optical	3.2	5.4	4.8	3.0	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.7	3.8	1.9	3.5	2.6	2.9	0.4	0.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.8	8.7	2.9	8.2	8.2	2.6	7.5	6.8	4.0	4.7	4.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.0
NONDUR. GOODS	6.7	8.1	7.4	5.5	6.5	6.2	6.6	8.6	7.1	4.0	5.9	5.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Food-Beverage	5.8	12.3	15.5	11.8	7.0	10.0	12.1	7.2	16.7	8.6	5.3	10.1	2.8	1.1	5.7
Textiles	5.5	6.4	5.0	4.5	5.5	4.4	5.2	5.9	5.1	3.1	3.6	3.0	0.6	1.0	1.2
Apparel	6.0	7.3	2.5	3.2	3.1	1.6	5.6	6.5	5.4	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.6	2.4
Paper & Allied Prod.	6.2	7.5	7.6	5.8	6.5	7.0	3.3	8.1	5.1	1.9	6.3	4.1	0.3	0.7	0.1
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.4	5.5	6.5	3.2	4.6	4.2	5.1	6.5	5.3	2.7	4.4	3.7	0.7	0.1	0.5
Jewelry & Silverware	5.9	8.2	8.0	4.7	6.5	7.0	7.2	9.6	7.6	3.6	5.6	5.4	1.9	2.4	1.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	8.2	10.2	9.3	7.7	9.3	8.6	7.0	10.4	8.8	5.7	9.1	7.7	0.6	0.2	0.3

* RATES FOR OCTOBER 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 AND OCTOBER 1978 ARE FINAL.

** INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT. PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	406.5	405.2	409.6	+ 1300	— 3100
MANUFACTURING	136.4	136.7	139.7	— 300	— 3300
NONMANUFACTURING	270.1	268.5	269.9	+ 1600	+ 200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.2	14.6	15.9	— 400	— 1700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.3	13.6	0	— 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	82.3	81.0	82.5	+ 1300	— 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	20.8	20.1	0	+ 700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.4	78.2	77.2	+ 200	+ 1200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.1	60.6	60.6	+ 500	+ 500

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ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DIVISION OF STATISTICS & CENSUS IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.
* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Local Education and Municipal Governments added 600 workers over the month, while State service dropped 100. The Services segment, in mostly offsetting changes, added 200 workers in November to reach 78,400, while the Transportation-Public Utilities and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sectors remained even with last month's data, at 13,300 and 20,800 jobs, respectively.

Contract Construction work forces declined by 400 jobs seasonally, to a level of 14,200, down 1,700 from one year ago.

SLIGHT DROP IN FACTORY JOBS

Preliminary estimates indicate a fractional loss of 300 manufacturing jobs last month. The mid-November survey showed a total of 136,400 workers, down 3,300 over the year. In the 19 reporting segments, the changes in the month's period indicate 8 losses and 7 gains, none of which exceeded 200 workers, and 4 segments remained stable over the month.

Durable Goods industries remained relatively stable at 56,800 workers, dropping 100 jobs in November but showing a net increase of 1,100 over the year.

Nondurable Goods employment, at 79,600, was down by 200 jobs in the month and shows a work force loss of 4,400 over the year, mostly in overall, non-seasonal cutbacks in the jewelry/silverware industries, down 3,300 jobs from November last year.

HOURS AND WAGES

Gross weekly earnings for all manufacturing workers rose $3.41 over the month to reach $206,72 in November - up $14.88 in a year. Hourly earnings were up 2 cents in the month to $5.26 and average weekly hours worked rose .5 in November to 39.3, but were down a like amount over the year.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	454.5	453.7	437.9
Unemployment	23.5	23.0	24.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.1	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.8	6.2

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